



**Region IV Regional Early Childhood Committee Meeting**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Present:** ReJeana Blackburn, Perrine Blakely, Carrie Boock, Michelle Graff, Patricia Hampshire, Josie Hurley, Teresa Kross, Lindsay Leyva, Sondra McMIndes, Dedra Swanstrom, Tressa VanNest, Phyllis Vernon, Chris Zacharias  
**Absent:** Deb Jaussi, Deb Maxwell, Jennifer Zielinski

Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion	Action/Next Steps
Call To Order	Chair	Phyllis called the meeting to order.	
Introductions	Chair	Welcome	
Approval of Previous Minutes	Chair	Deidre moved to approved and Tressa seconded it. All in favor and motion carried.	
Financial Report	Lindsay Leyva	Budget: 47 binders left. Do we want to create more binders and sheet protectors? Phyllis recommended creating 25 more binders and the rest of the committee members agreed. Still have full budget of \$1000. Veronica Martinez would take care of any spending needs while Lindsay on maternity leave. Lindsay.leyva@dhw.idaho.gov	June 14-15 Power to the Profession conference (all of Idaho and what's available) Carrie will see if anyone available to come and represent FOCAF EHS Lindsay will let Phyllis know about cost.

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>			
Mission/Vision		Phyllis skipped this and we didn't get back to it.	
Outreach		Idaho Stars Outreach classes in September and November at Lakeshore. Both classes full. Great feedback. We don't have any further classes scheduled at this time.	
Membership		Sue Harpold drafting a letter. Talked about recruiting a doctor, a homeless representative as well as a librarian. We also talked about parent representatives	Parent recruitment postcards passed around the RECC members
Sub-committees	By-Laws		Phyllis will email by-laws to Carrie.
	Events	<p>Week of Young Child (Sat. 4/20/19 from 11am - 3 pm) at Idaho Botanical Garden</p> <p>Power to the Profession (June 14-15, 2019). Still need to decide if doing just part 1 or part 1 &amp; 2. Phyllis will connect with Teresa Kross.</p>	Carrie will send out to RECC committee members.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>			
<b>AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>			
Boise School District	Dedra Swanstrom	Filling up and having a lot of ITP children come through. Currently 17 teachers; may need to open up another classroom. Behaviors....children getting more severe.	
BSU Children's Center	Chris Zacharias		
BSU Early Childhood	Patricia Hampshire		
Children's Therapy Place	Sondra McMindes		
Family Advocates	Josie Hurley		
FOCAF Head Start	Tressa VanNest	FOCAF (Head Start): A few more referrals. Have about 56 Head Start children on IEPs and 8 EHS infants and toddlers with an IFSP.	
FOCAF Early Head Start	Carrie Boock	FOCAF (EHS): New ECPE to begin in another week. Talked about hiring challenges (other committee representatives reported the same). First checkpoint data looked good; second checkpoint data due the end of February.	
Homeless		Need new representative	

Representative			
IESDB	Deb Jaussi Deb Maxwell	Not present Not present	
IPUL	Jennifer Zielinski	Not present	
Idaho STARS	Teresa Kross		
Idaho SDE			
Infant/Toddler Program	Lindsay Leyva	Full staff again. Did hire someone for Brande's position. 530 enrolled kids in Region IV. Had 79 referrals in the past month.	
Parent Representative	Perrine Blakely		
Parents as Teachers	Michelle Graff	Hiring program manager for Parents as Teachers...not fully staffed. About 30 families on waitlist. Still getting referrals from Head Start and Dept. of Health and Welfare. Email is: mgraft@cdhd.idaho.gov	
West Ada School District	ReJeana Blackburn	Feeling crunch from ITP referrals. Screenings are so full having to turn people away to the next month. Scrambling to get them done. Enrolled 18 children just coming back from Christmas break, which included 4 special needs kids at the new school by the YMCA. Teacher going on medical leave so need good substitute for the rest of the year. Not due to open Star Elementary until Fall of 2021. Bussing kids from Star to Eagle.	
WICAP: Head Start/Early Head Start	Phyllis Vernon	Applied for EHS Child Care Partnership grant. Had 3 reviews (CLASS, USDA and Focus Area 2 review). Because we are in the school system need to fix a few things. Looking for 3 lead teachers. Fully enrolled. 61 IEP in 3-5 children and 18 IFSP program for infants/toddlers.	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>			
<b>Refreshments</b>		Deidre	
<b>Agency Profile</b>			
<b>Adjourn</b>	Co-chairs	ReJeana motioned; Tressa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM	

**Next Meeting:** March 5, 2019 9 – 11 am  
Dept of H&W Ste. D Conference Room B.